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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1200**

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**Introduced by Senator Hancock**

February 22, 2012

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An act to add Sections 60605.10 and 60605.11 to the Education Code, relating to academic content standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1200, as amended, Hancock. Academic content standards: recommended modifications: expert group.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide content and performance standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, history/social science, and science, as specified. Existing law authorizes the state board to modify any proposed content standards or performance standards prior to adoption, and to adopt content and performance standards in individual core curriculum areas as those standards are submitted to the state board.

Existing law, until July 1, 2014, establishes the Academic Content Standards Commission and requires the commission to develop internationally benchmarked academic content standards, at least 85% of which are required to be the common core academic standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium or another specified interstate collaboration. Existing law requires the commission to present its recommended academic content standards to

the state board and requires the state board by August 2, 2010, to either adopt the standards proposed by the commission or reject them.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to recommend and the state board to adopt the college and career readiness anchor standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium. The bill would also authorize the state board to take action to resolve any technical issues in the academic content standards it adopted pursuant to the above-described provisions.

This bill would authorize the Superintendent to recommend to the state board by July 30, 2013, and the state board to adopt, reject, or modify by September 30, 2013, modifications to the common core academic content standards for English language arts and mathematics. The bill would require the state board to explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for modifying the standards. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the state board, to consult a *specified* group of experts in English language arts and mathematics for purposes of developing the recommendations. The bill would require the Superintendent and the state board to hold a minimum of 2 public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the Superintendent's recommendations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 60605.10 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:  
3     60605.10. For purposes of meeting federal requirements and  
4     applying for federal grants, the Superintendent shall recommend  
5     and the state board shall adopt the college and career readiness  
6     anchor standards developed by the Common Core State Standards  
7     Initiative consortium. The state board may also take action to  
8     resolve any technical issues in the standards adopted pursuant to  
9     Section 60605.8.  
10    SEC. 2. Section 60605.11 is added to the Education Code, to  
11    read:  
12    60605.11. (a) The Superintendent may recommend to the state  
13    board, and the state board may approve, modifications to the  
14    common core academic content standards adopted by the state  
15    board pursuant to Section 60605.8. If the state board modifies the

1 common core academic content standards, it shall explain, in  
2 writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for  
3 modifying the standards. The Superintendent's recommendations  
4 and the state board's actions shall assist schools in the  
5 implementation of the standards.

6 (1) In consultation with the state board, the Superintendent shall  
7 consult a group of experts in English language arts and mathematics  
8 for purposes of developing recommendations pursuant to this  
9 section. The Superintendent shall ensure that the group of experts  
10 includes, but is not limited to, individuals who are teachers of  
11 mathematics and English language arts in elementary and  
12 secondary schools, schoolsite principals, administrators of school  
13 districts or county offices of education, and university professors.  
14 *Not less than one-half of the members of the group shall be*  
15 *currently employed public school teachers.*

16 (2) The Superintendent and the state board shall hold a minimum  
17 of two public hearings pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting  
18 Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of  
19 Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) in order  
20 for the public to provide input on the modifications recommended  
21 pursuant to this section.

22 (3) On or before July 30, 2013, the Superintendent shall present  
23 the modifications to the state board.

24 (4) On or before September 30, 2013, the state board shall adopt,  
25 reject, or modify the recommendations presented by the  
26 Superintendent.

27 (b) The modifications to the common core academic content  
28 standards that the Superintendent recommends to the state board  
29 and that the state board approves shall ensure that:

30 (1) The rigor of the state common core academic content  
31 standards is maintained so that all high school graduates are  
32 prepared for college and careers, as specified in the common core  
33 academic content standards.

34 (2) All of the common core academic standards developed by  
35 the consortium or interstate collaboration set forth in Section  
36 60605.7 are adopted.

37 (3) The modifications include the anchor standards of the  
38 common core academic content standards for English language  
39 arts.

40 (4) One set of standards is adopted at each grade level.

- 1     (5) The content standards for algebra I are based upon the
- 2 common core academic content standards for mathematics.
- 3     (6) Redundant mathematics standards are eliminated.
- 4     (7) The implementation of standards is improved.
- 5     (8) The cost of implementing the standards is reduced.
- 6     (9) The modifications amount to no more than 15 percent of the
- 7 common core academic content standards adopted by the state
- 8 board.